

Berkeley 4, Calif.
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Dr. R. Latarjet,
Laboratoire du Radium
Institut Pasteur,
Paris, France.

Dear Latarjet:

I need not tell you how much we enjoyed your visit to Madison.

This letter concerns our conversation wherein I tried to persuade you to do some detective work when you get back to Paris. Namely, it appears that the E. coli strains left to us, and to Tulasne, do not represent the appropriate smooth phases of his famous C1-C2 strains with which he carried out the celebrated transformation of types.

If there is any possibility that Dr. Boivin deposited these strains with the culture collection of the Institut Pasteur, I would be greatly indebted for any effort you can make to recover these strains and transmit them to me. If they have not been preserved, the possibility of confirming these important experiments will be exhausted.

Sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg

P.S. I shall be in Berkeley till September, but correspondence should be addressed to Madison. JL